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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for screening for analytes comprising the steps of a) simultaneously applying a plurality of analytes to be screened onto at least one solid support such that the analytes remain isolated from one another disposing a plurality of analytes to be screened within individually identifiable containers such that the analytes remain isolated from each other, wherein the individually identifiable containers are an array of capillary tubes each of which is identifiable according to its position within the array;

b) dispensing the analytes through the open ends of the capillary tubes onto at least one solid support in such a manner as to maintain the transferred contents of each container separate from those of each other container, wherein said analytes are simultaneously applied onto the at least one solid support;

[[b]]c) contacting said at least one analyte-carrying solid support with targets provided in a semi-solid or liquid medium, whereby said analytes are released from the at least one solid support to the targets; and

[[c]]d) measuring analyte-target interactions.

- 2-4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Currently amended) [[A]]<u>The</u> method according to <u>Claim 1 claim 1</u>, wherein the solid support is of a substantially flat, disc-, rectangular- or square-shape.
- 6-8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Currently amended) [[A]]<u>The</u> method according to <u>Claim 1 claim 1</u>, wherein when each analyte is applied to the solid support it diffuses thereon so as to produce a concentration gradient.
- 10. (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to Claim 1 claim 1, wherein the surface of the solid support onto which the analytes are applied is selected from polymers, ceramics, metals, cellulose and glass.

11-16. (Cancelled)